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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF RIO ARriba  
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

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RUSSELL MARTINEZ,

Plaintiff,

vs.

No. D-117-CV-2014-00159

JOSEPH SALAZAR, in his individual capacity, GREG ESPARZA, in his individual capacity, THE ESPANOLA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, LEO MONTOYA, THE CITY OF ESPANOLA, MARVIN ARMIJO, in his individual capacity, ANTHONY ARMIJO, in his individual capacity, JAMES CULIN, in his individual capacity, MANUEL VALDEZ, in his individual capacity, GUY JORDAN, in his individual capacity, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO ARriba COUNTY, THE RIO ARriba COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, THOMAS RODELLA, in his individual and official capacities, LARRY DEYAPP, in his individual and official capacities, UNKNOWN NUMBER OF JOHN DOES, employees of the Rio Arriba County Adult Detention Facility, in their individual capacities, and FERNANDO BAYARDO, M.D.

Defendants.

**COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM  
CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, INTENTIONAL TORTS, NEGLIGENCE,  
AND VIOLATIONS OF TITLE II OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

Plaintiff Russell Martinez, by and through his attorneys, Coberly & Attrep, LLLP, hereby brings this Complaint arising from incidents that occurred on May 11 to 15, 2012, and states as follows:

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

1. With respect to Plaintiff's state law claims, jurisdiction and venue are proper pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 41-4-18.



2. This Court has original and concurrent jurisdiction over Plaintiff's federal claims pursuant to Article VI, Section 13 of the New Mexico Constitution.

#### **PARTIES**

3. Plaintiff is an individual who resides in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Plaintiff resided in Rio Arriba County at the time of the events described herein.

4. Defendant Joseph Salazar was, at all material times, a police officer with the Espanola Police Department ("EPD") acting under color of state law and within the scope of his duties. For purposes of his federal law claims, Plaintiff sues Defendant Salazar in his individual capacity.

5. Defendant Greg Esparza was, at all material times, a police officer with the EPD acting under color of state law and within the scope of his duties. For purposes of his federal law claims, Plaintiff sues Defendant Esparza in his individual capacity.

6. Defendant Espanola Department of Public Safety ("EDPS") is a department within Defendant City of Espanola that operates the EPD. At all times material to this Complaint, Defendant EDPS employed, and exercised immediate supervisory responsibilities over, Defendants Salazar, Esparza, and Montoya.

7. Defendant Leo Montoya was, at all material times, the Director of Defendant EDPS, the immediate and ultimate supervisor of Defendants Salazar and Esparza, and acting under color of state law and within the scope of his duties.

8. Defendant City of Espanola is a municipal corporation organized and/or existing under the laws of the State of New Mexico. At all times material to this Complaint, Defendant City of Espanola employed Defendants Salazar, Esparza and Montoya.

9. Defendant Marvin Armijo was, at all material times, a sergeant with Defendant Rio Arriba County Sheriff's Office ("RACSO") acting under color of state law and within the scope of his duties. For purposes of his federal law claims, Plaintiff sues Defendant Marvin Armijo in his individual capacity.

10. Defendant Anthony Armijo was, at all material times, a deputy with Defendant RACSO acting under color of state law and within the scope of his duties. For purposes of his federal law claims, Plaintiff sues Defendant Anthony Armijo in his individual capacity.

11. Defendant James Culin was, at all material times, a correctional officer employed at the Rio Arriba County Adult Detention Facility ("RACADF") acting under color of state law and within the scope of his duties. For purposes of his federal law claims, Plaintiff sues Defendant Culin in his individual capacity.

12. Defendant Manuel Valdez was, at all material times, a correctional officer employed at the RACADF acting under color of state law and within the scope of his duties. For purposes of his federal law claims, Plaintiff sues Defendant Valdez in his individual capacity.

13. Defendant Guy Jordan was, at all material times, a correctional officer employed at the RACADF acting under color of state law and within the scope of his duties. For purposes of his federal law claims, Plaintiff sues Defendant Jordan in his individual capacity.

14. Defendant Board of County Commissioners of Rio Arriba County ("Rio Arriba County") is a municipal corporation organized and/or existing under the laws of the State of New Mexico and a "public entity" as defined by Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"). At all times material to this Complaint, Rio Arriba County exercised supervisory authority over, and was the employer of, Defendants Marvin Armijo, Anthony Armijo, and Rodella. Additionally, at all material times, Defendant Rio Arriba County operated the

RACADF, and exercised supervisory authority over, and was the employer of, Defendants Culin, Valdez, Jordan, DeYapp and Does, employees of the RACADF. Defendant Rio Arriba County had ultimate policymaking authority over the RACADF and Defendant Rio Arriba County Sheriff's Office ("RACSO").

15. Defendant Rio Arriba County Sheriff's Office is a department within Defendant Rio Arriba County. At all times material to this Complaint, Defendant RACSO employed, and exercised immediate supervisory responsibilities over, Defendants Marvin Armijo, Anthony Armijo, and Rodella.

16. Defendant Thomas Rodella was, at all material times, the sheriff of Defendant Rio Arriba County, the immediate and ultimate supervisor of Defendants Marvin Armijo and Anthony Armijo, and acting under color of state law and within the scope of his duties. Defendant Rodella was the final decision maker for, and had final policymaking authority over, the RACSO. Defendant Rodella was responsible for the screening, hiring, training, monitoring, supervision, and disciplining of all subordinate employees of the RACSO. For purposes of his federal law claims, Plaintiff sues Defendant Rodella in his individual and official capacities.

17. Defendant Larry DeYapp was, at all material times, the Director of the RACADF, the immediate and ultimate supervisor of Defendants Culin, Valdez, Jordan, and Does, employees of the RACADF, and acting under color of state law and within the scope of his duties. Defendant DeYapp was the final decision maker for, and had final policymaking authority over, the RACADF. Defendant DeYapp was responsible for the screening, hiring, training, monitoring, supervision, and disciplining of all subordinate employees of the RACADF. For purposes of his federal law claims, Plaintiff sues Defendant DeYapp in his individual and official capacities.

18. Defendants John Does were, at all material times, employees of the RACADF and acting under the color of state law and within the scope of their duties. For purposes of his federal law claims, Plaintiff sues Defendants Does in their individual capacities.

19. Defendant Fernando Bayardo, M.D., is an emergency medical physician employed by the Presbyterian Espanola Hospital ("Espanola Hospital") in Espanola, New Mexico.

### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

#### **Background on Plaintiff's Medical Condition and Disability**

20. Plaintiff suffered gunshot wounds in 2006, rendering him paraplegic and requiring the amputation of his lower left leg. Plaintiff has no feeling in his lower body, is immobile, and unable to use a toilet. Plaintiff urinates through a suprapubic catheter and defecates into a diaper.

21. Due to his paraplegia and resultant immobility, Plaintiff developed a decubitus ulcer on his right buttock prior to May 11, 2012. Decubitus ulcers are open sores in the skin that sometimes occur in wheelchair-bound individuals. Generally, they are caused by pressure resulting from prolonged sitting or lying in one position, which causes the skin and muscle tissue to deteriorate.

22. A person with a decubitus ulcer on the buttock must spend minimal time in a seated position, and should lie down and be turned frequently to avoid placing undue pressure on any one location. If a decubitus ulcer does not receive proper treatment, it quickly can become infected, placing the individual at risk for systemic infection and presenting a threat of septic shock. An untreated infected decubitus ulcer can lead to death within a matter of days.

23. In addition to two to three routine cleanings per day, Plaintiff's ulcer was required to be cleansed every time he defecated.

24. Cleaning a decubitus ulcer requires the wearing of sterile gloves, the use of a wound cleanser, and the application of two antibiotic ointments and a sterile alcohol pad affixed with gauze and medical tape.

25. Plaintiff's ulcer was stabilized prior to the events giving rise to this lawsuit.

**Espanola Police Department Officers Use Excessive Force on Plaintiff**

26. On May 11, 2012, Plaintiff and his wife, Jackie Martinez, drove to the Sonic Restaurant located at 1207 Riverside Drive in Espanola, New Mexico. Mrs. Martinez was driving.

27. While in their vehicle, Plaintiff and Mrs. Martinez began to argue. Mrs. Martinez took the car keys, exited the vehicle, and asked bystanders to call the police.

28. Defendant Salazar was dispatched to the Sonic Restaurant. Before Defendant Salazar arrived at the Sonic, Plaintiff slid over to the driver's seat.

29. Mrs. Martinez told Defendant Salazar that she and Plaintiff had been arguing in their vehicle. Mrs. Martinez told Defendant Salazar that Plaintiff was paraplegic, immobile, and unable to drive. Mrs. Martinez never told Defendant Salazar that Plaintiff had physically harmed her.

30. After questioning Mrs. Martinez, Defendant Salazar approached Plaintiff. Plaintiff's wheelchair was plainly visible in the back seat of the vehicle.

31. Defendant Salazar opened the driver side door where Plaintiff was seated and told Plaintiff to exit his vehicle. Plaintiff told Defendant Salazar that he could not get out of the vehicle because he was immobile and shut the door.

32. Defendant Salazar again opened the door, forcibly removed Plaintiff from his vehicle, threw Plaintiff on the ground, punched Plaintiff's face, and placed the weight of his body on Plaintiff's back. These actions caused Plaintiff excruciating pain and made it extremely difficult for him to breathe.

33. Notwithstanding the fact that Plaintiff was lying on the ground and physically incapable of fleeing due to his complete inability to move his lower body, Defendant Salazar drive stunned Plaintiff with a Taser.

34. A Taser is a weapon that sends up to 50,000 volts of electricity through a person's body causing temporary paralysis and excruciating pain.

35. Plaintiff struggled on the ground in an attempt to remove himself from Defendant Salazar.

36. During the struggle, Defendant Esparza arrived on scene and, notwithstanding the fact that Plaintiff was completely incapable of fleeing, shot Plaintiff in the chest with a Taser from an approximate distance of three feet. Defendant Esparza caused at least two cycles of high-voltage electricity to circulate through Plaintiff's body for numerous seconds each time.

37. Defendants Salazar and Esparza's actions caused Plaintiff excruciating pain and various bruises and lacerations.

38. Espanola Valley EMS transported Plaintiff to Espanola Hospital.

39. Although Defendant Salazar claimed in a police report that Plaintiff committed the offense of Battery Upon a Peace Officer, neither Defendant Salazar nor Defendant Esparza ever brought charges against Plaintiff.

**Plaintiff's Discharge from Espanola Hospital and Subsequent Arrest by RACSO Officers**

40. Soon after Plaintiff's arrival, Espanola Hospital learned that the Santa Fe County Adult Correctional Facility ("SFCACF"), which Espanola Hospital knew has a medical unit, could not care for Plaintiff if transferred there.

41. Due to Plaintiff's chronic medical conditions and disability, Espanola Hospital refused to medically clear Plaintiff for jail. Espanola Hospital discharged Plaintiff to home.

42. Upon arrival at his residence, Plaintiff and Mrs. Martinez began to argue about the events that had occurred earlier that day. Shortly after 8:00 p.m., Plaintiff called 911 and requested assistance in removing Mrs. Martinez from his home.

43. Defendants Marvin Armijo and Anthony Armijo were dispatched to Plaintiff's residence and arrived at approximately 8:45 p.m.

44. Plaintiff had become upset because of the amount of time it had taken for RACSO deputies to arrive. Plaintiff requested that Defendants Marvin Armijo and Anthony Armijo leave his residence.

45. Mrs. Martinez told Defendants Marvin Armijo and Anthony Armijo that no domestic abuse had occurred between her and Plaintiff. Mrs. Martinez, however, informed Defendants Marvin Armijo and Anthony Armijo about Plaintiff's encounter with the EPD earlier that day, and that Plaintiff could not go to the SFCADF because of his chronic medical conditions and disability.

46. Defendant Marvin Armijo told Plaintiff that he was going to have to leave his house for the night, causing Plaintiff to become verbally upset.

47. Defendants Marvin Armijo and Anthony Armijo had no lawful basis to demand that Plaintiff leave his residence.



48. Defendant Anthony Armijo grabbed Plaintiff in order “to secure him for detention purposes.” Plaintiff disconnected one of his wheelchair arm rests, gestured with it, and told Defendants Marvin Armijo and Anthony Armijo to leave him alone. Defendants Marvin Armijo and/or Anthony Armijo threw Plaintiff out of his wheelchair, causing Plaintiff to fall to the ground and experience pain.

49. After throwing Plaintiff out of his wheelchair, Defendant Marvin Armijo contacted the regional dispatch center and requested that an ambulance be sent to Plaintiff’s residence.

50. Defendant Marvin Armijo also requested that dispatch contact the RACADF to determine whether it would accept Plaintiff for detention.

51. Defendants Marvin Armijo and Anthony Armijo knew that, unlike the SFCACF, the RACADF did not have a medical unit or the capability of caring for paraplegic individuals.

52. Dispatch telephoned the RACADF and spoke with Defendant Culin, the supervisor in charge of the RACADF at that time. Dispatch told Defendant Culin that RACSO deputies were “out with a paraplegic man” and wanted to know if the RACADF would accept him for detention. Defendant Culin told dispatch that the RACADF would accept Plaintiff “as long as he passes a medical clearance.”

53. Dispatch then informed Defendant Marvin Armijo that he “just need[ed] a medical clearance” in order for the RACADF to accept Plaintiff for detention. Because he did not “want to make a trip all the way for nothing,” Defendant Marvin Armijo asked dispatch to confirm that the RACADF knew that Plaintiff was paralyzed from the waist down. Dispatch responded by telling Defendant Marvin Armijo that the RACADF already knew that Plaintiff was paraplegic and all that was required was a medical clearance.

54. Defendant Anthony Armijo then contacted dispatch and asked it to make sure that the RACADF knew that Plaintiff was paraplegic with “no feeling in his legs” and that he had an “inner catheter.”

55. Dispatch again called the RACADF to confirm its willingness to accept Plaintiff notwithstanding his complicated medical conditions and disability. Defendant Culin responded by telling dispatch: “I mean I don’t really have the medical attention that he’d probably need here, and I know that [the SFCACF] won’t accept him because of the medical either.” Defendant Culin knew that, unlike the RACADF, the SFCACF had a full medical unit.

56. Defendant Culin continued by stating: “I mean, so if you guys are going to arrest him I have no choice pretty much, you know what I mean?” Dispatch confirmed with Defendant Culin that the RACADF did “not really have a medical thing,” but that the RACADF “would have no choice but to take [Plaintiff]” if he were arrested. Defendant Culin responded by stating: “Yeah, and I would need a medical clearance for him like I said earlier.”

57. Dispatch then mentioned something to Defendant Culin about Plaintiff’s catheter, to which Defendant Culin responded: “Yeah, I don’t have the medical here to take care of [Plaintiff].”

58. Defendant Culin then asked what Plaintiff was being charged with. Dispatch stated that it did not know, but that Defendants Marvin Armijo and Anthony Armijo wanted to know if the RACADF would house Plaintiff before arresting him.

59. Defendant Culin then stated: “Yeah, like I said, I do not have the medical, but if they do arrest him I have no choice, and I require a medical clearance.”

60. Dispatch then called Defendant Anthony Armijo, informing him that Defendant Culin stated that the RACADF did not have the medical facilities to take care of Plaintiff, but

that it had “no choice but to take him” if the RACSO deputies arrested Plaintiff and obtained a medical clearance.

61. Defendant Anthony Armijo responded by stating: “Of course, of course and we already talked to [Espanola Hospital] and they are going to medically clear him right away because he was already there with that incident that happened in Espanola.”

62. Defendants Marvin Armijo and Anthony Armijo caused paramedics to transport Plaintiff to Espanola Hospital in order for Plaintiff to be medically cleared for booking at the RACADF.

63. RACADF policies, promulgated by Defendant Rio Arriba County, provide that, before an individual with an “obvious medical condition” is booked, a medical release from a reputable medical provider must first be obtained, after which “a determination shall then be made as to whether the individual will be accepted.” The RACADF policies do not provide any guidance as to what factors are to be used in determining whether to accept an individual with an “obvious medical condition.”

64. RACADF policies provide that individuals “requiring special needs shall be accommodated as best as possible within the existing facility boundaries. Medical staff shall be consulted with to determine the best accommodations for special needs inmates.” RACADF policies also provide that attorneys for detainees with “special needs” “shall also be consulted to see if any other housing arrangements or legal requirements can be made.”

65. Defendant Rio Arriba County does not employ any medical staff at the RACADF. Plaintiff, like the vast majority of detainees presented for booking at the RACADF, did not have an attorney during the time he was detained at the RACADF.

66. Upon information and belief, the RACADF has a custom promulgated and enforced by Defendant DeYapp of accepting into its facility individuals who have physical disabilities, special needs, and/or chronic, non-emergent medical conditions regardless of whether the RACADF can properly house and/or care for that individual so long as the individual has been medically cleared by a medical provider.

67. Defendant RACSO has no policies or procedures governing arrestees with physical disabilities, special needs, and/or chronic, non-emergent medical needs, nor any policies or procedures governing the securing of medical clearances for jail

**Plaintiff's Second Arrival at Espanola Hospital and Medical Clearance for Jail**

68. Upon information and belief, Defendant Marvin Armijo and/or Defendant Anthony Armijo called Defendant Bayardo about Plaintiff prior to Plaintiff being transported to Espanola Hospital. During this conversation, Defendant Bayardo agreed to "medically clear" Plaintiff in order for him to be detained at the RACADF.

69. Upon Plaintiff's arrival at Espanola Hospital, a nurse, whose identity is presently unknown to Plaintiff, completed a brief medical intake. He/she noted that Plaintiff was at the hospital for the purpose of receiving a medical clearance for jail. Plaintiff then saw Defendant Bayardo.

70. Defendant Bayardo knew of Plaintiff's prior visit to Espanola Hospital and that, notwithstanding the fact that the SFCACF had a medical unit, the SFCACF could not care for Plaintiff due to his chronic medical conditions and disability. In addition, Defendant Bayardo knew that, unlike the SFCACF, the RACADF did not have a medical unit.

71. Following a cursory patient assessment, Defendant Bayardo medically cleared Plaintiff for detention with the RACADF. Plaintiff's discharge instructions provided to him by Defendant Bayardo state: "OK to go to jail."

72. Plaintiff's discharge orders additionally instruct that the dressing on Plaintiff's ulcer should be changed two to three times per day, that Plaintiff's ulcer should be washed carefully each time it gets soiled, that the ulcer area should be kept clean and dry, and that Plaintiff should change positions often.

73. Upon Plaintiff's discharge from Espanola Hospital, these instructions were provided to a RACSO deputy.

74. From intake to discharge, Plaintiff spent approximately five minutes at Espanola Hospital.

#### Plaintiff's Detention with the RACADF

75. Following Plaintiff's discharge from Espanola Hospital, Defendant Marvin Armijo and/or Anthony Armijo caused a RACSO deputy to transport Plaintiff to the RACADF where Plaintiff was booked by Defendants Valdez and Jordan on two felony charges of Aggravated Assault upon a Peace Officer and two misdemeanor charges of Resisting an Officer. Plaintiff's booking report states that Plaintiff was denied bond.

76. Defendants Marvin Armijo and/or Anthony Armijo had no lawful basis to cause Plaintiff's detention at the RACADF.

77. The RACSO deputy who transported Plaintiff to the RACADF provided Plaintiff's hospital discharge instructions to Defendants Valdez and Jordan.

78. RACADF's policies provide that all medical "treatment shall be done in accordance to a physician's instructions," but that the RACADF will have on-site medical

services available only “whenever possible.” RACADF policies set forth no procedures for staff to follow to obtain competent medical care when staff is not qualified or is otherwise unable to provide the instructed treatment.

79. While detained with the RACADF, Plaintiff was placed in protective custody and remained in his cell alone for at least 23 hours per day.

80. Plaintiff’s cell at the RACADF was roughly six feet by eight feet and had no windows. Although the cell had a toilet, Plaintiff was unable to use it due to his paraplegia.

81. Every time Plaintiff defecated into his diaper while in the custody of the RACADF, he promptly notified correctional officers whose names are currently unknown to Plaintiff. Despite this, Plaintiff was forced to sit in his own feces for up to eight hours while he waited for somebody to assist in changing his diaper. Even when a RACADF officer finally changed his diaper, Plaintiff was not cleaned properly and smeared feces was left on Plaintiff’s body.

82. Plaintiff requested assistance from RACADF officers in caring for his decubitus ulcer. In the time that he was detained at the RACADF, however, Plaintiff received no treatment from a medical professional. Although a female nurse came to Plaintiff’s cell on or around May 14, 2012, she told Plaintiff that she could not care for Plaintiff’s decubitus ulcer because she was female.

83. Besides being forced to sit in his own feces for hours due to his paraplegia, Plaintiff was unable to otherwise care for his decubitus ulcer. Roughly once per day, a non-medically trained correctional officer would attempt to clean Plaintiff’s ulcer with a simple wet paper towel.

84. During his detention at the RACADF, Plaintiff spent numerous hours lying in bed or sitting in his wheelchair in one position without being turned or moved.

85. During his detention at the RACADF, Plaintiff did not take a shower. No shower was accessible to Plaintiff at the RACADF and RACADF staff did not otherwise assist Plaintiff in bathing.

86. Periodically, RACADF staff, whose names are currently unknown to Plaintiff, would empty Plaintiff's catheter bag into a bucket and flush the urine down the toilet. After emptying the bucket, however, RACADF staff would leave it in Plaintiff's cell without cleaning it, leading to a persistent odor of urine. Occasionally, RACADF staff would clean the bucket with bleach and ammonia, causing toxic fumes with an overwhelming odor that made it extremely difficult for Plaintiff to breathe.

87. On Monday, May 14, 2012, a criminal complaint was filed in Rio Arriba County Magistrate Court charging Plaintiff with two misdemeanor charges of simple Assault upon a Peace Officer and two misdemeanor charges of Resisting an Officer.

88. On Tuesday, May 15, 2012, Mrs. Martinez went to the Rio Arriba County Magistrate Court because she was worried about Plaintiff. Mrs. Martinez spoke with Magistrate Judge Alex Naranjo, who ordered that Plaintiff be released to the custody of Mrs. Martinez. Plaintiff was released from the RACADF's custody on May 15, 2012 shortly before 2:00 p.m.

89. Until Judge Naranjo released Plaintiff to the custody of Mrs. Martinez approximately 84 hours after being booked at the RACADF, no judicial determination had been made as to whether probable cause existed for Plaintiff's misdemeanor arrest.

90. Defendant RACSO has no policies or procedures pertaining to ensuring that those arrested by the RACSO without a warrant receive a prompt probable cause determination.

91. Mrs. Martinez immediately attended to Plaintiff's needs. Plaintiff reeked of feces and Mrs. Martinez discovered dried feces on Plaintiff's buttocks, back, and within Plaintiff's decubitus ulcer. Plaintiff's decubitus ulcer had deteriorated significantly and Plaintiff had a severe rash from being forced to sit in his feces for long periods of time.

92. On June 21, 2012, the misdemeanor charges against Plaintiff were dismissed with prejudice.

### CAUSES OF ACTION

**Count I: 42 U.S.C. § 1983 — Violation of Plaintiff's Constitutional Rights Under the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments — Excessive Force**  
*(Defendants Joseph Salazar and Greg Esparza)*

93. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs as though they were stated fully herein.

94. Plaintiff had a clearly established right under the Fourth Amendment, made applicable to state and local governments by the Fourteenth Amendment, to be free from unreasonable seizures.

95. Defendants Salazar and Esparza's acts and/or omissions, individually or in the aggregate, caused Plaintiff to be deprived of that right.

96. Defendants Salazar and Esparza acted under color of state law.

97. Defendants Salazar and/or Esparza acted maliciously or in callous disregard of Plaintiff's rights.

98. Plaintiff suffered actual damages.



**Count II: Injury Resulting from Assault, Battery, False Arrest and Deprivation of Rights, Privileges, or Immunities Secured by the Constitution and Laws of the United States and New Mexico**

*(Defendants Joseph Salazar, Greg Esparza, Espanola Department of Public Safety, and City of Espanola)*

99. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs as though they were stated fully herein.

100. Defendants Salazar and Esparza are law enforcement officers within the meaning of the New Mexico Tort Claims Act, NMSA 1978 § 41-4-1 *et seq.*

101. Defendants Salazar and Esparza were acting within the scope of their duties.

102. Defendants Salazar and Esparza's acts and/or omissions, individually or in the aggregate, resulted in Plaintiff being assaulted, battered, falsely arrested, and/or deprived of rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution and Article II, Section 10 of the N.M. Constitution.

103. Plaintiff suffered personal and bodily injury as a result of Defendants Salazar and Esparza's acts and/or omissions.

104. Defendants Espanola Department of Public Safety and City of Espanola were the employers and/or supervisors of Defendants Salazar and Esparza and are liable for the acts and/or omissions of Defendants Salazar and Esparza under the doctrine of *respondeat superior*.

**Count III: Negligent Hiring, Training, and/or Supervision**

*(Defendants Joe Montoya, Espanola Department of Public Safety, and City of Espanola)*

105. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs as though they were stated fully herein.

106. Defendant Montoya is a law enforcement officer within the meaning of the New Mexico Tort Claims Act, NMSA 1978 § 41-4-1 *et seq.*

107. Defendant Montoya owed a duty to the general public, including Plaintiff, to act with reasonable care in hiring, training, and supervising EPD officers.

108. Defendant Montoya breached that duty by negligently hiring, training, and/or supervising Defendants Salazar and/or Esparza.

109. Defendant Montoya's negligence caused Plaintiff to be assaulted, battered, falsely imprisoned, and/or deprived of rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution and Article II, Section 10 of the N.M. Constitution.

110. Plaintiff suffered personal and bodily injury as a result of Defendant Montoya's acts and/or omissions.

111. Defendants Espanola Department of Public Safety and City of Espanola were the employers and/or supervisors of Defendant Montoya and are liable for the acts and/or omissions of Defendant Montoya under the doctrine of *respondeat superior*.

**Count IV: 42 U.S.C. § 1983 — Violation of Plaintiff's Constitutional Rights Under the Fourth and/or Fourteenth Amendments — Objectively Unreasonable or Deliberate Indifference to Conditions of Confinement**

*(Defendants Marvin Armijo, Anthony Armijo, James Culin, Manuel Valdez, Guy Jordan, unknown number of John Does, and Fernando Bayardo, M.D.)*

112. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs as though they were stated fully herein.

113. Plaintiff had a clearly established right under the Fourth Amendment, made applicable to state and local governments by the Fourteenth Amendment, not to be detained in objectively unreasonable conditions of confinement.

114. Alternatively, Plaintiff had a clearly established right under the Fourteenth Amendment, not to be detained in inhumane conditions of confinement.

115. Defendants Marvin Armijo, Anthony Armijo, Culin, Valdez, Jordan, Does, and Bayardo's acts and/or omissions, individually or in the aggregate, caused Plaintiff to be deprived of that right.

116. Defendants Marvin Armijo, Anthony Armijo, Culin, Valdez, Jordan, and Does acted under color of state law. Defendant Bayardo acted under of state law for purposes of this claim because he acted in concert with state officials in depriving Plaintiff of his constitutional rights.

117. Defendants Marvin Armijo, Anthony Armijo, Culin, Valdez, Jordan, Does, and/or Bayardo acted maliciously or in callous disregard of Plaintiff's rights.

118. Plaintiff suffered actual damages.

**Count V: 42 U.S.C. § 1983 — Violation of Plaintiff's Constitutional Rights Under the Fourth and/or Fourteenth Amendments — Objectively Unreasonable or Deliberately Indifferent Denial of Medical Care**

*(Defendants Marvin Armijo, Anthony Armijo, James Culin, Manuel Valdez, Guy Jordan, unknown number of John Does, and Fernando Bayardo, M.D.)*

119. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs as though they were stated fully herein.

120. Plaintiff had a clearly established right under the Fourth Amendment, made applicable to state and local governments by the Fourteenth Amendment, to be provided objectively reasonable medical care.

121. Alternatively, Plaintiff had a clearly established right under the Fourteenth Amendment, not to be deprived of essential medical attention.

122. Defendants Marvin Armijo, Anthony Armijo, Culin, Valdez, Jordan, Does, and Bayardo's acts and/or omissions, individually or in the aggregate, caused Plaintiff to be deprived of that right.

123. Defendants Marvin Armijo, Anthony Armijo, Culin, Valdez, Jordan, and Does acted under color of state law. Defendant Bayardo acted under of state law for purposes of this claim because he acted in concert with state officials in depriving Plaintiff of his constitutional rights.

124. Defendants Marvin Armijo, Anthony Armijo, Culin, Valdez, Jordan, Does, and/or Bayardo acted maliciously or in callous disregard of Plaintiff's rights.

125. Plaintiff suffered actual damages.

**Count VI: 42 U.S.C. § 1983 — Conspiracy to Violate Plaintiff's Constitutional Rights Under the Fourth and/or Fourteenth Amendments — Conditions of Confinement and/or Denial of Medical Care**  
*(Defendants Marvin Armijo, Anthony Armijo, James Culin, and Fernando Bayardo, M.D.)*

126. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs as though they were stated fully herein.

127. Plaintiff had a clearly established right under the Fourth Amendment, made applicable to state and local governments by the Fourteenth Amendment, not to be detained in objectively unreasonable conditions of confinement and to be provided objectively reasonable medical care.

128. Alternatively, Plaintiff had a clearly established right under the Fourteenth Amendment, not to be detained in inhumane conditions of confinement or deprived of essential medical attention.

129. Defendants Marvin Armijo, Anthony Armijo, and Culin acted under color of state law. Defendant Bayardo acted under of state law for purposes of this claim because he acted in concert with state officials in depriving Plaintiff of his constitutional rights.

130. Defendants Marvin Armijo, Anthony Armijo, Culin, and Bayardo conspired to deprive Plaintiff of his constitutionally protected rights under color of state law and Defendants

Marvin Armijo, Anthony Armijo, Culin, and Bayardo's acts and/or omissions, individually or in the aggregate, caused Plaintiff to be deprived of that right.

131. Defendants Marvin Armijo, Anthony Armijo, Culin, and/or Bayardo are liable for each other's acts performed in the course of the conspiracy.

132. Defendants Marvin Armijo, Anthony Armijo, Culin, and/or Bayardo acted maliciously or in callous disregard of Plaintiff's rights.

133. Plaintiff suffered actual damages.

**Count VII: 42 U.S.C. § 1983 — Violation of Plaintiff's Constitutional Rights Under the Fourth and/or Fourteenth Amendments — Conditions of Confinement and/or Denial of Medical Care (Supervisory and Municipal Liability)**  
*(Larry DeYapp in his individual and official capacities, Thomas Rodella in his individual and official capacities, and Rio Arriba County)*

134. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs as though they were stated fully herein.

135. Plaintiff had a clearly established right under the Fourth Amendment, made applicable to state and local governments by the Fourteenth Amendment, not to be detained in objectively unreasonable conditions of confinement and to be provided objectively reasonable medical care.

136. Alternatively, Plaintiff had a clearly established right under the Fourteenth Amendment, not to be detained in inhumane conditions of confinement or deprived of essential medical attention.

137. New Mexico law charged Defendants DeYapp and Rodella with promulgating and implementing policies to ensure the personal hygiene and safety of all those detained at the RACADF.

138. New Mexico law charged Defendant Rodella with promulgating and implementing policies in effecting the arrest and detention of individuals believed to have committed a crime within Rio Arriba County.

139. Defendants DeYapp and Rodella had a duty to adequately train their subordinates in the arrest and/or detention of individuals with serious medical needs or disabilities.

140. Defendant Rio Arriba County had ultimate policymaking authority over Defendants DeYapp and the RACADF, and Rodella and the RACSO.

141. Defendants DeYapp and Rio Arriba County promulgated, implemented, or maintained a policy or custom of accepting into the RACADF all individuals medically cleared by a health care provider regardless of the RACADF's ability to provide medical care to, or ensure the personal hygiene of, those individuals.

142. Defendant DeYapp failed to train and/or supervise his subordinates in accepting into the RACADF individuals with disabilities and/or chronic medical conditions.

143. Defendants Rodella and Rio Arriba County failed to promulgate, implement, or maintain any policy that would ensure that arrestees with disabilities and/or chronic medical conditions would not be denied their constitutional rights while being detained pretrial.

144. Defendant Rodella otherwise failed to train and/or supervise his subordinates in ensuring that arrestees with disabilities and/or chronic medical conditions would not be denied their constitutional rights while being detained pretrial.

145. Defendants DeYapp, Rodella, and Rio Arriba County's acts and/or omissions, individually or in the aggregate, caused Plaintiff to be deprived of his Fourth and/or Fourteenth Amendment rights.

146. Defendants DeYapp and Rodella acted under color of state law.

147. Defendants DeYapp and/or Rodella acted maliciously or in callous disregard of Plaintiff's rights.

148. Plaintiff suffered actual damages.

**Count VIII: 42 U.S.C. § 1983 — Violation of Plaintiff's Constitutional Rights Under the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments — Denial of Prompt Probable Cause Determination**  
*(Defendants Marvin Armijo and Anthony Armijo)*

149. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs as though they were stated fully herein.

150. Plaintiff had a clearly established right under the Fourth Amendment, made applicable to state and local governments by the Fourteenth Amendment, to a prompt probable cause determination.

151. Defendants Marvin Armijo and Anthony Armijo's acts and/or omissions, individually or in the aggregate, caused Plaintiff to be deprived of that right.

152. Defendants Marvin Armijo and Anthony Armijo acted under color of state law.

153. Defendants Marvin Armijo and/or Anthony Armijo acted maliciously or in callous disregard of Plaintiff's rights.

154. Plaintiff suffered actual damages.

**Count IX: 42 U.S.C. § 1983 — Violation of Plaintiff's Constitutional Rights Under the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments — Denial of Prompt Probable Cause Determination**  
**(Supervisory and Municipal Liability)**  
*(Defendant Thomas Rodella in his individual and official capacities and Rio Arriba County)*

155. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs as though they were stated fully herein.

156. Plaintiff had a clearly established right under the Fourth Amendment, made applicable to state and local governments by the Fourteenth Amendment, to a prompt probable cause determination.

157. New Mexico law charged Defendant Rodella with ensuring that those arrested by the RACSO received a prompt probable cause determination.

158. Defendant Rodella had a duty to adequately train his subordinates in ensuring that those arrested by the RACSO received a prompt probable cause determination.

159. Defendant Rio Arriba County had ultimate policymaking authority over Defendant Rodella and the RACSO.

160. Defendants Rodella and Rio Arriba County failed to promulgate, implement, or maintain any policy of ensuring that those arrested by the RACSO received a prompt probable cause determination.

161. Defendant Rodella otherwise failed to train and/or supervise his subordinates in ensuring that those arrested by the RACSO received a prompt probable cause determination.

162. Defendants Rodella and Rio Arriba County's acts and/or omissions, individually or in the aggregate, caused Plaintiff to be deprived of his Fourth and/or Fourteenth Amendment rights.

163. Defendant Rodella acted under color of state law.

164. Defendant Rodella acted maliciously or in callous disregard of Plaintiff's rights.

165. Plaintiff suffered actual damages.

**Count X: Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act**  
*(Defendant Rio Arriba County)*

166. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs as though they were stated fully herein.

167. Plaintiff has a disability, namely paraplegia, a physical impairment that substantially limits the major life activities of caring for himself, walking and working, among others.



168. While detained at the RACADF, Plaintiff was qualified to receive the benefit of fresh air, basic hygiene services, including but not limited to regular access to a toilet and shower, and access to medical care to treat his decubitus ulcer.

169. While detained at the RACADF, Plaintiff was denied the benefits of fresh air, basic hygiene services, including but not limited to regular access to a toilet and shower, and access to medical care to treat his decubitus ulcer.

170. This denial of benefits was because of Plaintiff's disability.

171. Plaintiff suffered damages.

**Count XI: Negligent Operation or Maintenance of a Building**  
*(Defendants Rio Arriba County, Larry DeYapp, James Culin, Manuel Valdez, Guy Jordan and unknown number of John Does)*

172. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs as though they were stated fully herein.

173. Defendants DeYapp, Culin, Valdez, Jordan, and Does have a duty to exercise reasonable care for inmate health and safety in the maintenance and operation of the RACADF, and in promulgating and implementing policies and procedures necessary to care for and protect the people who are detained at the RACADF.

174. While acting within the scope of their duties, Defendants DeYapp, Culin, Valdez, Jordan, and Does' acts and/or omissions, individually or in the aggregate, breached their duty to Plaintiff.

175. Defendants DeYapp, Culin, Valdez, Jordan, and Does' breach of their duty caused Plaintiff bodily injury.

176. Defendant Rio Arriba County was the employer and/or supervisor of Defendants DeYapp, Culin, Valdez, Jordan, and Does and is liable for the acts and/or omissions of Defendants DeYapp, Culin, Valdez, Jordan, and Does under the doctrine of *respondeat superior*.

**Count XII: Injury Resulting from False Arrest, False Imprisonment and Deprivation of Rights, Privileges, or Immunities Secured by the Constitution and Laws of the United States and New Mexico**

*(Defendants Marvin Armijo, Anthony Armijo, James Culin, Manuel Valdez, Guy Jordan, unknown number of John Does, Rio Arriba County Sheriff's Office, and Rio Arriba County)*

177. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs as though they were stated fully herein.

178. Defendants Marvin Armijo, Anthony Armijo, Culin, Valdez, Jordan, and Does are law enforcement officers within the meaning of the New Mexico Tort Claims Act, NMSA 1978 § 41-4-1 *et seq.*

179. Defendants Marvin Armijo, Anthony Armijo, Culin, Valdez, Jordan, and Does were acting within the scope of their duties.

180. Defendants Marvin Armijo, Anthony Armijo, Culin, Valdez, Jordan, and Does' acts and/or omissions, individually or in the aggregate, resulted in Plaintiff being falsely arrested, falsely imprisoned and/or deprived of rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution and Article II, Sections 10, 13 and 18 of the N.M. Constitution.

181. Plaintiff suffered personal and bodily injury as a result of Defendants Marvin Armijo, Anthony Armijo, Culin, Valdez, Jordan, and Does' acts and/or omissions.

182. Defendants Rio Arriba County Sheriff's Office and Rio Arriba County were the employers and/or supervisors of Defendants Marvin Armijo, Anthony Armijo, Culin, Valdez,

Jordan, and Does and are liable for the acts and/or omissions of Defendants Marvin Armijo, Anthony Armijo, Culin, Valdez, Jordan, and Does under the doctrine of *respondeat superior*.

**Count XIII: Negligent Hiring, Training, and/or Supervision**  
(Defendants Rodella, DeYapp, Rio Arriba County Sheriff's Office, and Rio Arriba County)

183. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs as though they were stated fully herein.

184. Defendants Rodella and DeYapp are law enforcement officers within the meaning of the New Mexico Tort Claims Act, NMSA 1978 § 41-4-1 *et seq.*

185. Defendant Rodella owed a duty to the general public, including Plaintiff, to act with reasonable care in hiring, training, and supervising those who worked for the RACSO.

186. Defendant Rodella breached that duty by negligently hiring, training, and/or supervising Defendants Marvin Armijo and Anthony Armijo.

187. Defendant DeYapp owed a duty to the general public, including Plaintiff, to act with reasonable care in hiring, training, and supervising those who worked for at the RACADF.

188. Defendant DeYapp breached that duty by negligently hiring, training, and/or supervising Defendants Culin, Valdez, Jordan, and Does.

189. Defendants Rodella and/or DeYapp's negligence caused Plaintiff to be falsely arrested, falsely imprisoned and/or deprived of rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution and Article II, Sections 10, 13 and 18 of the N.M. Constitution.

190. Plaintiff suffered personal and bodily injury as a result of Defendants Rodella and DeYapp's acts and/or omissions.

191. Defendants Rio Arriba County Sheriff's Office and/or Rio Arriba County were the employers and/or supervisors of Defendants Rodella and DeYapp and are liable for the acts and/or omissions of Defendants Rodella and DeYapp under the doctrine of *respondeat superior*.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants as follows:

- A. an award for all damages proximately caused by Defendants' civil rights violations, intentional torts, negligence, and violations of the ADA;
- B. an award for all other sums as shall be determined to fully and fairly compensate Plaintiff for all general, special and consequential damages incurred, or to be incurred, by Plaintiff as the direct and proximate result of the acts and omissions of the Defendants;
- C. punitive damages against the individually named Defendants as allowed by law;
- D. an award of costs and attorney's fees as allowed by law;
- E. pre- and post-judgment interest as allowed by law; and
- F. an award for such other and further relief as the Court may deem necessary and appropriate under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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